

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication in the present Office Action that claims 3-14, 17-22, 24, and 31-33 are allowable. Applicant has amended claims 27 and 29 in accordance with the telephone conference with Examiner Alexander of October 23, 2007 during which agreement was reached. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's time and consideration during the telephone conference on this application. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the claims as amended here and allowance of all the claims pending in the present application.

Support for the amendments is found in the specification and drawings as originally filed, and does not introduce any new matter. The "housing" referred to in the claims is broadly interpreted as indicated in the specification,

The housing 12 defines an interior cavity containing components and equipment for use in making beverages. . . . Generally, the housing combination with funnels 38 as described below and other structures operates to dispense beverage 60 from the brewer 10 in a generally known manner. (p. 2, para. 12).

Applicant acknowledged that there are no additional outstanding substantive rejections. In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the pending claims 3-14, 17-22, 24, 27, 29 and 31-33 are in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 12-0913 (27726-94930).

Respectfully submitted,

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